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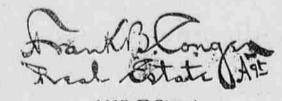
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SALE Alice Confides to Dear Louise the Goings On in Washington.

My Dear Louise: As we are now in the penitential sesson, it is not amiss to begin this letter with a mourning subject. It has been recently a matter of calculation with me as to how many months in the year the public buildings are "without the trappings and the signs of woe." Like Mrs. Waule in middle March, they manage always to have on black, for their friends are continually dying. It is a hideous custom to tie up these buildings in black, thus destroying their fine effect.

While the sudden and lamented death of the Secretary of the Treasury ended the functions in the official circle, the ball was kept rolling with greater vim than ever in social cliques. The cessation of official entertainment was a gain in time for private society, as many evenings were thus left free, and so, in the last ten days before Lent, parties, germans, and receptions multiplied.

Lately another subject of speculation has presented itself. "Do the Dead See Us?" This question occurred to me as I contemplated the haughty air of a young woman, a resumé of whose family history had been given me by an old gossip, and from it I made a story of the girl as an evidence of the law of compensation. The story runs that the maternal ancestor kept a most ambitious spirit through the downs of life—she never had any "ups," but sustained her soul through the carking cares of providing daily bread with the hope that they who were with her and others to come would grow up toward the sunlight and act the part for which she felt herself fitted, but from which untoward fortune had ever kept her. Well, my dear, if the spirits of the departed are permitted to revisit "the glimpses of the morn," the soul of that good woman basks in joy at contemplation of the fulfillment of her own ambition in her descendant, whom, I observed, struck the happy medium in placid haughtiness to erstwhile chums and was your most sincerely humble servant to those floating on the top of the wave. Such is life! There are and always will be people who are invited to the banquet and others who are asked next day to finish up the scraps—and one cannot be blamed for getting tired of the scrap diet, when one's soul is fried with "vaulting ambition." The little meannesses one discovers in the general intercourse of society are, to my thinking, far overbalanced by the grace, agreeableness, and generosity displayed. These qualities, like a cement, keep society together.

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Many of the drawing-rooms in this city are real studies of grace and refinement. All things considered, society is a great and good institution; it encourages cheerfulness and consequently must be, under proper restrictions, preservative of health. Manners are softened and improved by the refinements of social intercourse, and it is only the restrictions and conventionalities of society that prevent the stock and money jobbers of the present day from relapsing into barbarism.

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In spite of the fact that Mrs. Harrison has cleaned the Augean stables—for the White House may be truly so called from the written accounts of the accumulation of dirt found there by the present mistress—the family of the President suffers from ill-health. The latest theory is that the great palms and ferns are responsible. Mrs. Harrison told a lady that she believed the presence of these trees in the state apartments at official functions were the cause of the frequent indisposition of Baby McKee and his little sister. These big tropical growths have to be placed in position a day or so before a reception, and probably remain a day after, and thus really have ample time to affect the atmosphere of the White House. I have read that while nothing is healthler near a house than trees in the sunshine, so nothing is more deleterious to life than trees in the shade.

The Corean Legation awakened to life when its charming little mistress announced two Tuesdays in February. It is perfectly astonishing, even to Americans, to see the progressive spirit of the Coreans. Mrs. Ye, wife of the chargé d'affaires, is able to speak English with facility. When we think how many American women remain for years in a foreign country without mastering the language, we cannot look but with admiration at the perseverance and intelligence of this little representative of the women of Corea. On Tuesday Mrs. Ye wore a gown of light-blue brocade, made after the Corean fashion. The chargé d'affaires assisted his wife in receiving her guests. In the tea-room two young ladies dispensed the hospitalities of the legation. A large number of the Diplomatic Corps paid their respects. The Japanese Minister and Mrs. Takeno were much noticed. The latter is certainly the handsomest Japanese woman we have had among us.

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Fashion—that word that sways millions—says that garments appropriate to the Lenten season should be in dark shades and in severe tailor-made fashion. For the quiet musicales, which are always among the Lenten ameliorations, gowns of black lace and chiffon, with garniture of violets or purple ribbons, are very appropriate and distinguised. I am also told that at the little evening diversions permitted in the penitential season the floral decorations are to be emblematic. Violets, white narcissus, lilies of the valley, white Japanese lilies, and Roman hyacinths, with the double hyacinth of a dark purplish tinge, are the Lenten flowers for house beautifying. The vogue of the Greek idea in dress is very pronounced here. It is certainly artistic, not only for tea gowns, but for house and evening dresses. I have seen such beautiful combinations of the most delicate yellow with softest blue—pink with violet. But most beautiful of all is the combination of white and gold. Try it and get a golden fillet for your hair.

you read an account of the Vanderbilt presents to the last Vanderbilt bride, Miss Louise Shepard, who married Mr. Scheiffelin last week? She got stars and suns—in dia-monds; a check for two hundred and fifty thousand dollars from Mrs. William H. Vanderbilt, Miss Shepard's grandmother. Mr. George Vanderbilt provides the funds for a trip around the world, in the most luxurious style, of course. The bride and her husband (lucky man) will start in March on this journey. Among other pres ents of great value was a dinner service of solid gold. Could a royal bride hope for more? Such amusing stories are floating around anent a recent spectacular wedding here, and I do think pater familias on such occasions should be squelched if he show any inclination toward taking the company into confidence with regard to expenses. Certainly it is hard to tell what an actor is going to do when he is forced into a show against his will. It seems on this occasion papa really felt that he had a grievance. I wish I could make you a pen-picture of some of the toilettes! Glove-fitting skirts and no bodices worth speaking of!

I am going to close this letter by stirring your teadowing soul with the information that Mrs. Mackay gave a house-warming dinner party in London, a feature of which was the serving of tea from Japan that cost one hundred and twenty dollars a pound. Minister Lincoln was one of the guests, and thus had an opportunity of drinking this valuable fluid extract. Ever yours,

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